



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Preeclampsia is a condition that occurs during pregnancy and is characterized by high blood pressure and signs of damage to other organs, most often the liver and kidneys; and
- WHEREAS: Severe forms of preeclampsia may result in maternal and infant mortality, particularly if left untreated. Complications of preeclampsia may include premature birth, HELLP syndrome, and eclampsia, among others; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, approximately 320,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed nationwide, of which nearly 25 percent result in severe, life-threatening consequences for both the mother and the child; and
- WHEREAS: The onset of preeclampsia typically occurs after 20 weeks of pregnancy in women whose blood pressure has been normal; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of preeclampsia may include high blood pressure, sudden swelling of the hands and face, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, or breathlessness; and
- WHEREAS: Greater public awareness of preeclampsia is necessary to ensure all women recognize the initial signs of this condition and seek appropriate medical care in a timely manner; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes organizations such as the Preeclampsia Foundation that are dedicated to raising awareness of this condition in an effort to reduce maternal and infant illness and death associated with preeclampsia; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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